

Meeting Date: 4-25-06

Santa Clara



# AGENDA REPORT

City of Santa Clara, California

Agenda Item # 5.E




**DATE:** April 25, 2006

**TO:** City Council for Information


**FROM:** Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Offices

**SUBJECT:** Additional correspondence received regarding proposal to put Binding Arbitration for Public Safety Providers on the November 2006

From April 22 through April 25, 2006, the Mayor & Council Offices have received an additional five (5) communications in support of and one (1) in opposition to the proposal to put Binding Arbitration for Public Safety Providers on the November 2006 ballot.

  
Kim Fettahlioglu  
Executive Assistant  
Mayor and Council Offices

APPROVED:

  
Jennifer Sparacino  
City Manager

**Documents Related to this Report:**  
1) Communications from residents

# Santa Clara Citizens Advisory Committee

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

The Hon. Patricia Mahan  
Mayor of Santa Clara  
Santa Clara City Hall  
Santa Clara Ca. 95050

Dear Mayor Mahan & City Council:

The Santa Clara Citizens Advisory Committee met on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the issue of binding arbitration for Policeman and Fireman. After much discussion a motion was made and passed unanimously that the CAC would oppose binding arbitration and that Mrs. Josephine Rowen will act as our spokesman before the Santa Clara City Council regarding this matter.

The members present felt that the issue of binding arbitration would hurt the autonomy of both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief regarding the running of their departments, hurt the authority of the Civil Service Commission, hurt local businesses as they would be affected by tax increases in order to pay for the increases in salaries and pensions, and would cause city programs for the elderly and for young people to be cut in order to finance any budget shortfall caused by the arbitrator's decisions. Also we are very concerned that important decisions would be made by someone who is neither elected by the public nor has any concern for the local taxpayer.

In conclusion, we trust you will make the right decision and we as citizens are honored to have the type of people in both the Santa Clara Fire and Police Departments they are truly "SANTA CLARAS FINEST." If you have any question you may call me at 408 243-4761 or email me at [svyreprs@yahoo.com](mailto:svyreprs@yahoo.com).

Respectfully,



Edward Rowen, Chairman  
Santa Clara Citizens Advisory Committee

**From:** Ken Barone <kbarone911@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <rdiridon@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>  
**Date:** 4/22/06 8:21PM  
**Subject:** Binding Interest Arbitration

I am in support of Binding Interest Arbitration for Santa Clara Police and Firefighters.

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**From:** Sue Linn Moore <suelinnmoore@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>  
**Date:** 4/22/06 7:17PM  
**Subject:** Firefighters and Police Officers

To Whom it may concern;

I support my local Firefighters and Police Officers effort to secure Binding Interest Arbitration, PLEASE  
PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

Sue Linn Moore  
2553 Hayward Dr.  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

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**From:** John Madden <j.d.madden@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>  
**Date:** 4/23/06 4:55PM  
**Subject:** Binding Interest Arbitration

Mayor Mayhan and Council,

Please vote YES on May 9th to put the Binding Interest Arbitration Initiative on the November Ballot. Your Firefighters and Police Officers provide this city with some of the highest quality service in the nation. Please vote YES to provide fairness for your public safety officers.

Sincerely,

J.D. Madden  
Driver / Engineer  
Santa Clara Fire Department

**From:** <jperata@aol.com>  
**To:** <mayorandcouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>  
**Date:** 4/24/06 11:48AM  
**Subject:** Binding Interest Arbitration

Santa Clara Mayor and City Council,

I support my local Firefighters and Police Officers effort to secure Binding Interest Arbitration. Please put this on the ballot for the November election.

Sincerely,

Jeff Perata  
633 Salberg Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

**From:** <mdp1121@aol.com>  
**To:** <mayorandcouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>  
**Date:** 4/24/06 12:54PM  
**Subject:** Binding Arbitration Support

Santa Clara Mayor and City Council,

I support my local Firefighters and Police Officers effort to secure Binding Interest Arbitration. Please put this on the ballot for the November election.

Sincerely,

Michelle Perata  
633 Salberg Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95051